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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of VARRIALE

Application No. 10/533,042

Examiner:

Filed: April 28, 2005

Group Art Unit:

For: TIGHT CONTROL DEVICE

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Sir:

In the above-identified application, Applicant has received a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371, mailed September 12, 2005, indicating that the oath was missing and additional claim fees in the amount of \$230.00 are due. Applicant hereby submits the Declaration for the above-identified application signed by the inventor. Authorization is given to charge \$65.00 for the surcharge required under 37 C.F.R. §1.492(e) to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. Applicant notes that the claims filed with the application were incorrectly labeled as being a copy of the application as filed and should have been a preliminary amendment. Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits and that the claim fees be based on the claims filed on April 28, 2005 and in the attached preliminary amendment. However, should the Commissioner disagree, Applicant authorizes any underpayment to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. Applicant has included a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371 dated September 12, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Please find enclosed for filing:

- Communication
- Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371
- Signed Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Preliminary Amendment
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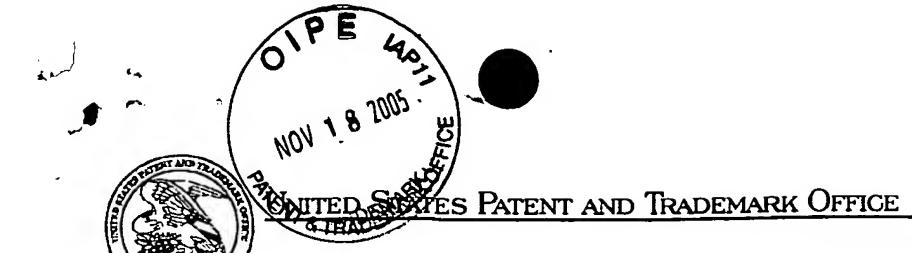
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/28/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/28/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/28/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 04/28/2005

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of \$230 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$230 for a Small Entity:

Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 230

The PTO did not receive the following listed Item(s) As it is

■ \$50 for 8 total claims over 20.

■ \$180 for multiple dependent claim surchare.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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